

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

Students and teachers are gearing up for our second All-School Read of this year, which will be the focus of our February School meetings on February 5th for grades 3 & 4 and February 12th for grades 1 & 2. As with all of the All School Read text selections, the book for our next All School Read was carefully chosen by a committee of teachers who serve on the FSS School Meeting Committee and play a lead role in planning the social learning content for our monthly School Meetings. The title of our February shared text is *What Does it Mean to be Kind?* By Rana DiOrio. The book focuses on the theme of kindness, as the author shows readers how kindness spreads from one small act into another. The end result is a “magical shift” in the whole community in which everyone understands and acts on what it means to be kind. It’s a beautiful storybook, where the illustrations tell a story that is just as important as the words. Teachers will read the story to students in advance of their School Meeting, and they will reflect together on the many acts of kindness that take place here at Floral Street School every single day to make our school community a safe, welcoming,

and inspiring place in which to learn.

At our School Meetings, every class takes a turn serving as the leaders of learning. For February meetings, six classes have signed up to share their learning and connections to our All School Read. Students are always excited to play a leadership role in our School Meetings; we are grateful to their teachers who support them as they plan and prepare for their important role!

BRAVO to all fourth grade students and to their music teachers, Mrs. Tracy DeBlois and Ms. Hannah Hall, for their stellar performances at their chorus concerts last week!

Have a wonderful week ahead.

~Lisa & Tiffany

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Parent Drop-Off Procedure – WINTER

With winter in full swing, there tends to be an increase in the number of families that drive their children to school. We want to provide these reminders to families as we work together to ensure the safety of all students and the efficiency of the drop-off procedure here at Floral:

- Please pull your car up to the closest available drop-off spot so four cars are able to unload children at a time. There are cones placed along the drop-off path to help parents know where to pull up. If you are pulling up to the very first cone, please make sure to pull all the way up to the message board that is placed outside. Pulling up far enough allows enough space for three additional cars to park and unload at the other three cones.
- Please remain in the car while your child exits the car. If your child needs any assistance, the staff member on duty will be available to help.
- Whenever possible, students should exit from the car door that faces the school building so they do not have to cross in front of a car.
- While waiting in the parent drop-off line, please be aware of the residents' driveways in the neighborhood and do not block those driveways. Our Floral neighbors should be able to easily exit and enter their driveways during this busy time of day.
- Please make every effort to arrive well before 9:00. Students need time to walk to their classrooms, unpack their bags, and get organized for their day of learning. The school day starts promptly at 9:00 each day, which means students should be arriving before 9:00 to have enough time to

unpack and get organized. Students may be dropped off as of 8:30am. If students arrive by 8:45-8:50, they will have plenty of time to unpack and get ready for their day.

First Grade After School Book Club – February

The Shrewsbury Public Library is offering an after school book club for first graders at Floral Street School on **February 8th from 3:30-4:30pm** in the Floral Media Center. This month, students will hear the story *Young Cam Jansen and the Pizza Shop Mystery*. They will participate in an activity related to the book, and have a bottle of water, mozzarella string cheese stick, and apple slices for a snack. To learn more about our grade 1 book club see the attached flyer below. To sign up to participate, visit this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XcUK6UNcSR71Tzj25zLfg9P_wXAp5UyRIV_a-vmsxE/viewform?usp=send_form

ASAP Programs- Family Feedback, Please

The After School Activities Program is seeking your feedback on what types of enrichment opportunities you would like to see offered after school at Floral. Help us continue to expand our offerings by taking this brief survey. We appreciate your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloralASAP>

Letter to Families of Incoming Kindergarten Students

If you have a child enrolling in kindergarten this fall, please read the attached letter (see below) from Noelle Freeman, Director of Nursing for the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

From the PTO – Two After School Enrichment Programs Start

this Week

The next session of Young Rembrandts begins this Tuesday, January 26th and will run for a total of 6 classes (ending on March 22nd).

The STEM class for 1st and 2nd grade students will also begin this Tuesday and will run for a total of 6 classes (ending on March 22nd).

Thank you to all families who participate in these enrichment opportunities sponsored by the PTO!

From the PTO - Skyzone "Fun"draiser on Early Release Day, Tuesday, February 2nd 3pm-8pm

The Floral PTO is hosting a jump day fundraiser next Tuesday, February 2nd from 3pm-8pm. 25% of the revenue raised that day will be donated to the PTO. Please see the flyer coming home in backpacks and join us for some fun – and bring your friends! For questions please contact PTO President Hannah Kane at hkanemcpc@gmail.com

From the PTO - Next PTO General Meeting- Monday, February 29th at 7pm

Please join us at 7pm on Monday, February 29th for our next General PTO Meeting. We will be joined by School Committee members Erin Canzano and Jon Wensky who will share information about our schools, including information about the 2015-2016 school year, our strategic priorities and the FY17 budget. We will also introduce the newly elected PTO leadership for the 2016-2017 school year and give a brief overview of programs, events and fundraisers that will be held in the Spring. The meeting will be held in the media center and we are working on childcare and will have more information in a future

list-serv. Please contact PTO President Hannah Kane with any questions at hkanemcpc@gmail.com.

From the PTO - Newly Elected PTO Leadership for 2016-2017

The PTO held elections last week for the 2016-2017 board. The following parents were elected – congratulations and thank you! If you are interested in joining the PTO next year and helping to support the various fundraisers and events sponsored by the PTO, please contact Jennifer Davy at jenniferdavy4@gmail.com.

Jennifer Davy	President
Mitika Kathuria	Vice President
Nancy Nelson	Treasurer & Hospitality
Colleen Corbett	Secretary
Kathy Flynn	Reward programs / projects
Tina Mayone	Grants / Recycling Programs
Katie Treiber	Donate-a-book chair
Julie Santiago	After-school Programs
Gitu Jain	Fundraising / projects
Jennifer Holmlund	Fundraising / projects
Robbin Miller	Fundraising / projects
Ana Maria Young	Fundraising / projects

From the PTO – Computer Workshops Offered this February Vacation

RASA Creations is happy to announce another series of Computer Workshops this February Vacation. Please see attached flyer for details of the workshops.

1. Count on Computers (Grades 1 to 3)

Date - February 15th and 16th 2016

Time - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fees - \$150 (Sibling discount \$20)

2. Super Scratch (Grades 4 to 6)

Date - February 17th and 18th 2016

Time - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fees - \$100

For Registrations - sarita.deshpande@rasacreations.com OR 508 845 2575

www.rasacreations.com

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

The Elementary Lunch Menu and Directions for purchasing pre-paid lunch tickets can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

***New dates added this week appear in bold print**

January 26	FSS School Council Meeting / 5:15pm
January 31	Magic Show at SHS (sponsored by the SHS Class of 2019)/ 2:00pm start time / \$7 admission at the door
February 2	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
February 5	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4 (All School Read- <i>What Does it Mean to be Kind?</i> By Rana DiOrio)
February 6	Third Grade Families Invited to Visit Worcester Art Museum w/ Mr. Wilson / 10:00am/ FREE!
February 12	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2 (All School Read- <i>What Does it Mean to be Kind?</i>)
February 15-19	School Vacation Week / No School
February 23	FSS School Council Meeting / 5:15pm


February 24


Local Dentist, Dr. Feldman, visits first
grade classes

PARCC Assessment Dates

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions)  Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions)  Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions)  Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions)  Grade 4 Math

Important Contact Information:

Office (508) 841-8720

Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

Nurses, FAX (508) 841-1545

Extended Day (508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school
first with bus-related issues)

The full district school calendar is available on the district
homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

[Grade1AfterSchoolBookClub- Cam Jansen.pdf](#)

[Kindergarten Immunization.docx](#)

[CountonComputers Feb2016.pdf](#)

